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Dairy Equipment Repairs Granted AA-2X Priority

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Material necessary for the emergency repair or maintenance of equipment to avert spoilage of milk, dairy products, and eggs has been given a priority rating of AA-2X by Preference Rating Order P-118 as amended Nov. 12.

The same amendment gives a rating of AA-5 for material required for repair, maintenance, or operation of such equipment; and a rating of AA-3 for replacement materials.

These ratings represent a considerable jump from the previous ratings of A-1-j for emergency repair, A-2 for general repair, and A-3 for replacement materials.

If preference rating AA-2X is applied for emergency maintenance or repair, the processor must, immediately upon placing his order for such material, telegraph to the War Production Board the following data with respect to his order:

- (1) Name and address of the supplier
- (2) Brief statement of what necessitated application of the rating for emergency maintenance and repair
- (3) A specific description of the material included in the order.
- (4) Invoice cost of each item of such material.

The AA-2X rating may not be used for replacing material withdrawn from inventory or stores for maintenance, repair, or operation.

Priority rating of AA-5 cannot be applied to obtain material for repair, maintenance, or operation if such additional material should increase the inventory or stores above the

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'All Business' at ASRE Meet Dec. 1-2

NEW YORK CITY—It will be "all business" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 1 and 2, at the Hotel Commodore in New York City.

With technical sessions scheduled for the morning and afternoon of the opening day and for the morning of

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AA-1 RATING NOT TO BE APPLIED BY REPAIRMEN

DETROIT—As far as can be determined, the recent announcement by the WPB that priority ratings of AA-1 "may be applied to essential repairs and maintenance for productive facilities, utilities, housing, and consumers' durable goods," does not mean that such a rating will be directly available to those in the field who are making the repair.

Rather it seems to mean that such a rating will be assigned to manufacturers of repair parts and supplies on their PRP certificates for their purchases of raw materials.

Repair and maintenance men in the field will for the present, at least, continue to apply the ratings available to them through P-126, P-100, or PD-1X. While the manufacturer will be assigned a AA-1 rating for materials for repair parts, this does not mean that he cannot fill orders he receives rated lower than AA-1.

TROUBLE FOR SMALL FIRMS SEEN UNDER CMP SETUP

CHICAGO—The Controlled Materials Plan (CMP) should solve some of the problems of materials procurement for the larger manufacturers and those working on direct war contracts, but it may mean even tougher sledding for smaller firms and those serving essential civilian fields, declared H. K. Howe, manager of the Washington office of the La Salle Steel Co., speaking before the Purchasing Agents of Chicago recently.

"As the CMP stands, I am sure it will work wonderfully for the very large company, and for those companies who are working exclusively on prime contracts for the Army, Navy, or Maritime Commission, but the problems will come with the smaller companies, and with the manufacturers of Class B products," Mr. Howe stated.

"As you read through the plan you begin to realize what a tremendous big part of the job the Office of Civilian Supply has.

"Under CMP there are going to be some changes in your purchasing procedures— allotment numbers are going to be more valuable than money, and while you are privileged to place your orders for your allotment of controlled materials with whatever source you please, you may find your usual source unable to take your order. You must get your allotment numbers to your preferred sources at the earliest possible moment to be sure there is still open space on their schedules.

"Another thing, you will have to accompany your purchase orders with three copies of a new form called 'A Purchase Authority.'

"Another problem that none of the previous priority systems licked was the problem of how to get small quantities of critical materials, quantities smaller than mill rollings, and in grades or sizes not usually stocked by warehouses. I hope some thought has been given to this problem."

'Carload' Sales of Refrigerators Now Permitted

Special Application Is Necessary For Such Sales By Producers

NEW YORK CITY—The WPB is adopting a new policy of permitting the sale of mechanical household refrigerators by manufacturers to distributors in carload lots, for the purpose of conserving vital freight space, according to reports published here last week.

It is said that upon application by the manufacturer, the manufacturer may be allowed to ship at one time a carload of refrigerators to a distributor, whereas previously, these shipments have been going out in dribbles of two and three boxes.

The intent of this policy, which the published report says "has not been officially announced but merely communicated to manufacturers," is to achieve a physical redistribution of refrigerators so that the present stocks of about 350,000 boxes are spread more equitably throughout the country, and to prevent long hauls of a few boxes.

There has been no change in the regulations governing the sale of refrigerators.

It is also pointed out that this new policy is not a blanket ruling, and that any manufacturer wishing to ship a carload lot will have to make a request to the WPB for approval of such action.

One locally published comment upon this move stated the following:

"Whether distributors will take advantage of this new dispensation is questionable at the present time. In the first place, their current market is limited and some of them may have to hold on to these boxes for a year or more. Secondly, carload shipments mean the transfer of the investment, storage charges, etc., from the manufacturers to the distributors, which does not appeal to most of them, in view of their reduced volume.

"Most of the boxes now remaining in the hands of manufacturers are of the 7 cu. ft. luxury type, which do not find a ready market at this time."

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Court Rejects Claim For \$50 Damages Under Price Ceiling

WASHINGTON, D. C.—First step to test the right of a shopper to collect a minimum of \$50 from any storekeeper who charges more than the legal ceiling price for any OPA-controlled article was taken Nov. 20 by the Office of Price Administration as result of a decision handed down in the District of Columbia Small Claims Court.

The suit, brought by Patricia Hall, 1433 Belmont St., N.W., a war department employee, against Stella Chaltis, doing business as the Stella Ladies Shop, 1936 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., involved an overcharge of 85 cents on the purchase of a pair of women's nylon hosiery. Miss Hall, making use of the "treble damage" provisions of the Emergency Price Control Act, asked the court for an award of \$50, plus court costs. Judge Hobart Newman decided the case in favor of Miss Hall, but because of what he termed "mitigating circumstances," limited the damages to the amount of the overcharge, plus costs.

OPA attorneys filed a petition of intervention, which asked Judge Newman to withdraw his decision and grant Miss Hall damages in the minimum amount provided by the Price Control Act. OPA lawyers contend that if the overcharge is proven, the court has no option under the law but to award the full amount of damages called for by the law—three times the amount of the overcharge or \$50, whichever is greater, plus court costs and attorney's fees.

Late Priority Changes

Certificate Needed on Orders For Repair Parts On Industrial Equipment

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Purchase orders for necessary repair and maintenance parts for many items of general industrial equipment must be accompanied by a certificate, reciting the nature of the purchase, in accordance with an amended order issued by the Director General for Operations.

The amended order (Limitation Order L-123, as amended) also clarifies some of the definitions of specific items of equipment included in List A, attached to the original order (L-123). It further adds to the list a number of items, among them safety switches, industrial dust collectors, circuit breakers, magnets, motor generator sets and certain other items related to motor and control equipment which were affected by limitations imposed by the original order.

The Order as amended becomes effective Dec. 1, 1942.

Chrome Steel Is Now Available Only On Ratings of AA-5

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An amendment of Order M-21-d to permit delivery of corrosion or heat resistant chrome steel only on a preference rating of AA-5 or higher, and use of such material only if acquired on a preference rating of AA-5 or higher, was announced Nov. 18 by Ernest Kanzler, Director General for Operations of the War Production Board.

Previously the order permitted the delivery of chrome steel on preference ratings of A-1-k or higher. The amended order makes an exception for the use and delivery of chrome steel when acquired before today on a preference rating of A-1-k or higher.

The amendment to M-21-d does not affect other WPB orders and regulations which contain restrictive provisions relating to the use and delivery of steel, namely Orders M-21, M-21-a, M-126 and Priorities Regulation No. 13.

Plumbing and Heating Repairs Favored by a Change In M-126 Order

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Amendment No. 1 of Conservation Order M-126 as amended Nov. 5 to permit the use of iron and steel to manufacture repair and maintenance parts for certain plumbing and heating equipment, textile machinery, and gutters and spoutings for small dwellings, was announced Nov. 21 by the WPB.

Order M-126 prohibits the use of iron and steel in the manufacture of upwards of 500 groups of civilian articles, and, in addition, prohibits the use of stainless steel for an additional list of products.

The entire order is being reissued, incorporating the amendment.

West Coast Group Petitions Govt. Agencies on the Repair Problem

Refrigeration Breakdown Now Would Be More Serious Than Ever In View of Doctor Shortage

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Declaring that any neglect of existing refrigeration equipment will "hold ourselves open to devastating losses," the Bureau of Radio and Electrical Appliances of San Diego County, in its recent annual conference, adopted a resolution asking that the WPB and the War Manpower Commission give immediate attention to the needs of refrigeration repair and maintenance.

The resolution was as follows:

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"We, the Refrigeration Service Dealers, Wholesalers of Parts and Supplies, and allied organizations doing business in San Diego County respectfully direct your attention to a most critical situation existing in this area.

"Each day the demands for repair of Refrigeration equipment, both commercial and domestic, are mounting. And yet, for many months, our existing facilities have been so taxed that numerous service calls have been turned down or have been subject to dangerously long delays. Such a condition is understandable, in the light of population figures which have practically doubled in two years with nearly a corresponding increase of all types of refrigeration equipment in that time.

"But the real impact of this problem comes with the knowledge that we are trying to do this vastly increased job with at least 25% fewer service men in this area than were here two years ago. Many independent service organizations have closed shop through lack of manpower during this time, throwing an additional burden on the going concerns.

"Our problem has been greatly aggravated by two conditions. First, we have lost many highly trained men to both the military and manpower drafts, with suitable replacements having been virtually impossible. Second, acute shortages in refrigeration parts and supply material have developed to the point where the efficiency of many of our organizations rendering this type of

service has been seriously hampered.

"No person who obtains the facts can question the close association of refrigeration maintenance with the job of winning the war. If we allow any substantial portion of the vast amount of commercial equipment used here by both governmental and business concerns (or of our enormous total of 80,000 domestic refrigerators) to break down or remain out of service even temporarily, we are inviting perishable food losses difficult to replace.

"But even worse, we are holding ourselves open to devastating losses otherwise. Proper food preservation both as to commercial and domestic refrigeration has much to do with health. Under normal times, breakdowns of our food protecting equipment is serious, but in view of the critical shortage of doctors, such threats become alarming. The cost of a sweeping epidemic in man hours lost, brought on originally through food spoilage, would certainly cripple our war production to a damaging extent.

"Up to this moment, we have done our best individually to solve our mounting problems of manpower shortage and supplies difficulties. As expert men have been taken from us one by one, either for the Army or for some direct war work, we have attempted as best we could to replace them, but we are fighting a losing battle. Individually, we have attempted to cope with time-consuming parts and supplies problems brought on because the materials made available for refrigeration maintenance have not been sufficient for the needs of this territory. Now we realize that solution is beyond our capacities.

"With government itself and the community as a whole having such a tremendous stake in refrigeration maintenance, we take this means today in conference assembled, to unanimously request your attention and consideration to the problem as a whole."

Annual Meeting and Conference, Bureau of Radio and Electric Appliances, Refrigeration Section, of San Diego County.

Icebox Production To Be Allotted by New WPB Formula

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Production quotas in the program for making 300,000 ice boxes each limited to a six-pound steel and iron content as announced for 1943 by the War Production Board recently will be determined for individual refrigerator manufacturers in proportion to their ability to cut down on use of critical materials, it is revealed here. The decision reflects a new principle being applied by WPB in the assigning of quotas to producers for manufacture of consumers' goods.

Order L-7-c which establishes the 1943 ice box program also lists production quotas for each of the 13 remaining manufacturers of boxes for the period ending Dec. 31, 1942. In general, these equal about 63% of each company's average production in either the one- or two-year period ended June 30, 1941. Moreover, the order limits all boxes produced between Nov. 24 and the end of the year to a 15-pound maximum steel and iron content each.

The Office of War Information explains that next year's quotas will be determined on the basis of written applications submitted by each manufacturer 30 days before the beginning of each quarter, estimating the amount of iron, steel, and other critical materials he proposes to use in each box. Larger quotas will be assigned to producers submitting refrigerator specifications requiring the smallest amount of the critical materials, officials expect. Location of plants in respect to labor shortages and in respect to transportation facilities for shipment of both raw materials and finished products will also be considered, they say.

To permit standardization and interchanging of parts made by different manufacturers, the order permits production after Jan. 1 of only ice boxes with a net ice capacity of either 50 or 75 pounds, with a 10-

A.S.R.E. Conclave To Be 'All Business' Session

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Dec. 2, and with ASRE committee meetings planned for the evening of Dec. 1, the entire convention will be given over to necessary business.

A welcome luncheon honoring speakers set for Dec. 1, and an informal dinner for society members and friends to be held that night are the only social events scheduled.

The program arranged by the ASRE program committee under Chairman Charles R. Logan follows:

December 1

9:30—"Recent Engineering Developments in Strato Chambers"—J. G. Bergdoll, Jr., chief engineer, York Ice Machinery Corp., York, Pa.

"Refrigeration Installations Aboard Naval Vessels"—Commander T. J. Bay, Bureau of Ships, U. S. Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.

"The Use of Refrigeration in the Manufacture of Synthetic Rubber"—Official of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

2:00 p.m.—"The Present Status of the Refrigerating Industry—An Outsider's Viewpoint"—George W. Meek, Conservation Division of the WPB.

"Securing Refrigerating Materials Under Present Regulations"—Alex H. Holcombe, Jr., president of Refrigeration Supply Jobbers Assn.

"Safety Valves"—Dr. E. K. Falls, Clarkson College of Technology.

December 2

9:30 a.m.—"Wartime Refrigeration of Foods for Transport at Sea"—W. H. Cook, National Research Council.

"Specific Heat of Foodstuffs"—Prof. Byron Short, Univ. of Texas.

"The Present Status of Dehydration"—Lieut. Matthew E. Highlands, Quartermaster Corps, Chicago.

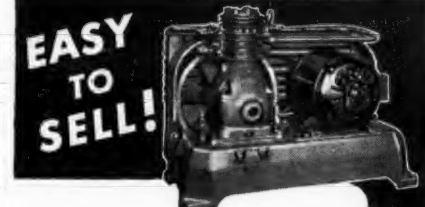
Dr. William R. Hainsworth, vice president of Servel, Inc., is president of the ASRE this year. Officers who have been nominated for an election to be announced Dec. 2 include Charles R. Logan of Superior Valve & Fittings Co., for president.

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Wisconsin Laws in Storage of Game Are Liberalized

MADISON, Wis.—Wisconsin has liberalized its laws concerning the storage of game in locker plants and in home freezer plants, according to regulations recently released by the Wisconsin Conservation Department. The new regulations permit extensive use of cold storage facilities under permit from the conservation commission.

Upland game birds may be held or placed in storage for a period not to exceed 30 days following the closed season without a permit.

A permit from the conservation department (supplied without charge) is required to hold upland game birds for more than 30 days following the close of season. Migratory fowl or shore birds may be held or placed in storage for 30 days following the close of season without permit. A permit for holding them longer cannot be issued.

Deer, bear and other game may be placed in storage following the close of open season without a permit. A permit is necessary to hold or place such game in storage for a longer period.

All game stored under permit is subject to inspection at all times.

Any person who has legally killed a deer or bear may hold same at his home without a permit.

Procedure to Be Followed in Letting Contracts to Small Plants Outlined

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The procedure by which the Smaller War Plants Division of the War Production Board will seek to give effect to the directives issued by the Army Services of Supply, the Navy and the Maritime Commission, and designed to spread war work to smaller plants, has been outlined by Frank Smith, Deputy Director of the Smaller War Plants Division.

"The first step," Mr. Smith said, "is for us to find out what the future requirements are as soon as they are determined by the planners of production as determined by grand strategy. These requirements are seen in specifications and blue prints in the various procurement offices."

"Our men, under O. S. McPherson, Chief of our Agencies Contact Branch, working with the officers assigned to select items suitable for us, carefully check over these specifications and together decide on the jobs we are to tackle."

"These requirement items are then brought back to our own offices for examination by a committee under the chairmanship of Robert Graham. The committee is composed of engineers from the Facilities and Plant Services Branches and one or more of our contact men. It meets every day and decides finally which items we shall work on and where we are most likely to find the best facilities."

"This group is pretty familiar with the situation in smaller plants throughout the country and also has before it a good deal of information as to plants that are desperately in need of work. Other things being equal we try to place work where the distress is greatest."

"After this preliminary examination, which sifts out the jobs we know we can handle, the Plant Service Branch goes to work to break down the jobs and designate specific plants to do them. This necessitates direct contact through our field engineers with the plants chosen."

"From what we know of a given plant's equipment and ability we conclude that the plant can handle the job, but we don't stop there. We have one of our field men discuss the job with the managers and production men in the plant. If this close examination shows that we have chosen the right plants, we are then ready to make our specific recommendation to the procurement officer who will place the order."

"When this stage is reached we may ask the owner or manager of the plant to come to Washington, if the contract is to be placed here. But in many instances contracts are let in the field and the whole business is arranged by our field representatives and the procurement officers."

"When the order is placed in accordance with our recommendations, our engineers in the field follow up closely with engineering advice and assistance to make sure that the job is properly done and delivered on time."

Mr. Smith said a semi-monthly report will be issued from now on giving the amount in dollar value of contracts placed, the number of contracts and the number of plants participating in each contract.

Thirty-nine prime contracts, totaling 16 million dollars, had been awarded up to Nov. 13. The number of plants getting work on subcontracting from these 39 prime contractors is not yet known, except in the case of four contracts. Three of these are of the "mother hen" type (a prime contractor with numerous designated sub-contractors), and one is a pool (an association of small firms holding a prime contract). In these four contracts, 30 small firms are participating.

To date 171 requirement items have been dealt with and facilities have been recommended, in respect to 121, to the procurement officers concerned. The discrepancy between 39 prime contracts awarded and 121 requirements processed is accounted for by the time lag between specific facilities recommendations to procurement officers and the actual placing of the orders with those facilities.

Mr. Smith urged owners and managers seeking war work not to come to Washington unless called there for conference. "Save your time and money," he counseled, "and let the railroads carry the soldiers. See the Smaller War Plants Division man in your nearest War Production Board field office."

Following is the list of Deputy Regional Directors for Smaller War Plants in the War Production Board Regional Offices:

Boston, 17 Court St., Clarence A. Woodruff.
New York City, 122 E. 42nd St., Sydney E. Hogerton.
Philadelphia, 1617 Pennsylvania Blvd., Audenreid Whittemore.
Atlanta, Ga., 116 Chandler Bldg., to be designated.
Cleveland, 13 Union Commerce Bldg., Daniel P. Ford.
Chicago, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Linwood A. Miller.
Kansas City Mo., Mutual Interstate Bldg., Roy W. Webb.
Dallas, Tex., 4th Floor, Fidelity Bldg., William G. Morrison.
Denver, Colo., Kittredge Bldg., Robert W. Gordon.
San Francisco, 1355 Market St., Oscar L. Starr.
Detroit, 7310 Woodward Ave., Hugo A. Weissbrodt.
Minneapolis, Minn., 326 Midland Bank Bldg., to be designated.

Organizational Setup Of Smaller War Plants Division Is Explained

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Smaller War Plants Division of the WPB has completed its operating organization and, except for two appointments in the field, now has the staff necessary to carry out its work.

In explaining the organizational chart of the Division, Lou E. Holland, head of the Division and Deputy Chairman of the WPB on Smaller War Plants, pointed out the distinction between the Division and the Smaller War Plants Corp. of which he is Chairman of the Board. The Corporation is a financial institution created to help smaller plants with their money problems, either in their efforts to get war orders or handle them after they have got them. The main business of the Division is to get business for the smaller plants and help them with engineering assistance to produce the goods.

Working directly with Mr. Holland on matters of policy is the Advisory Committee, the Board of Consultants, and the Representatives of Organized Labor. Abbott Smith, one of the Directors of the Smaller War Plants Corp., has been designated as Special Assistant.

Frank Smith is Deputy Director of the Division and will have direct control of the six Operating Branches. Most important of these are: the Agencies Contact Branch under O. S. McPherson, the Facilities Branch under E. T. Bennett, and the Plant Service Branch under Leo Rush. The Agencies Contact Branch brings in the work from the procurement officers of the services, the Facilities Branch and Plant Service are responsible for the selection of the jobs to be placed, and after these job selections are made, they make the final determination of the plants which will be recommended to procurement officers.

In the Facilities Branch are three sections: first, the Facilities Records Section, which has a general knowledge of plant capacity across the country; second the Critical Tools Section, which keeps constantly up to date a record of open capacity of critical tools; and, third, a Tool and Die Service Section.

Plant Service under Leo Rush is the branch where engineering service originates. The Division receives thousands of letters asking for help in getting war work. These letters usually describe the kind of plant, the kind of work it has been doing and the plight it is in at present. The engineers in the Plant Service Branch advise these people as to their proper course of action.

When a plant is selected to do a specific job, the engineers in the Plant Service Branch give whatever assistance is needed in connection with bidding on the job, the adaptation of machinery for the job, and help determine the best methods of production. In many plants none of this kind of service is needed; the plant is fully able to do the job unaided, but in other instances experienced guidance is useful.

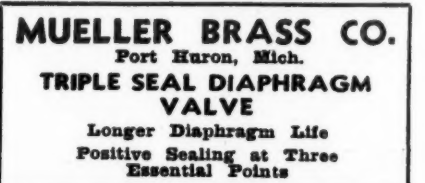
Charles H. McArthur heads the Field Control Branch. All of the Deputy Regional Directors on Smaller War Plants in the 12 WPB field offices and their representatives in

123 district offices report to Mr. McArthur.

"In the selection of facilities to handle jobs," Mr. Holland said, "we lean heavily on the recommendations of our representatives in the field. Our Facilities and Plant Service Branches may have reason to think that a given plant is the right one for a certain operation, but usually we ask our field men to check this up on the spot before we recommend the plant to the procurement agency."

"The Coordination Branch under Robert Graham is responsible for the first screening of the requirements brought in by the Agencies Contact Branch. Mr. Graham presides over a committee composed of engineers from the Facilities and Plant Service Branches and one or more of the men from the Agencies Contact Branch. After we have chosen the jobs we want to handle, it is the responsibility of the Coordination Branch to follow through and see that action is taken promptly leading up to our specific recommendations to the procurement agencies concerned."

"A good many manufacturers still come to Washington to consult with us and it is Carl Bolte's responsibility in the Interview Branch to see these people. We urge manufacturers not to come to Washington, but to see our men in the nearest WPB field office. But a good many do come here anyway (and sometimes there is reason for doing so)."



AA- 2X Priority Rating Granted on Repairs Of Dairy and Egg Processing Equipment

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minimum necessary for repair and maintenance. In establishing this minimum, the ratio of inventory and stores to current operations shall not exceed the ratio of average inventory to average operation for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940.

Before applying an AA-3 rating for replacement, the processor must communicate with the WPB, either on Form PD-414 or by telegram in case of an emergency, describing the material needed and the nature of the proposed replacement. Upon receipt from the director general for operations of a specific authorization, the processor may apply the rating, even though he may have been authorized to apply a lower rating before this amendment went into effect.

In using the AA-3 rating for replacement of worn equipment which cannot be repaired without major reconstruction, the substitution must be made within a reasonable time after the condition develops, and the replacement part must not provide greater productive capacity than the original machinery or equipment, except to the minimum possible extent when a replacement of equivalent capacity is obsolete, unobtainable, or not obtainable within a reasonable time in relation to the processor's operating needs.

Further restrictions on the use of these ratings are: they cannot be applied if the material could be secured without a rating; and the processor may apply the rating only to those quantities and kinds of materials necessary to enable him to maintain his processing schedules up to the end of the calendar year 1943. The order, by this amendment, is titled "Maintenance and Operation of Plants Processing Dairy Products or Eggs," and does not refer, as the original order did, to "producers" of dairy products.

"Processing dairy products" means, as in the original order, only the primary processing operations in connection with any of the following businesses:

- (1) Pasteurizing milk.
- (2) Receiving milk from other persons for cooling preparatory to reshipment for further processing.
- (3) Procuring dairy products, for sale, by processing milk or cream in a plant located on the farm where the milk was procured or by processing ice cream mix produced in the same plant or in another plant under the same ownership as the processing plant.

"Processing eggs" means only the primary processing operations in connection with any of the following businesses, performed in plants approved by the Agricultural Market-

ing Administration for purposes of directly or indirectly supplying eggs or egg products to or for that agency or for the armed services:

- (1) Candling and grading shell eggs.
- (2) Breaking, packaging, and freezing liquid eggs.
- (3) Dehydrating eggs.

The order states that "primary processing" begins with the bringing of the product to a processor's plant and ends with the placing of the processed milk, dairy products, eggs, or egg products in any packaging in that plant. Any special packaging required by contracts with the armed services or the Agricultural Marketing Administration shall also be considered primary processing.

The order requires that endorsed copies of all purchase orders or contracts rated under P-118, whether rejected or accepted, be kept for possible WPB inspection for a period of two years.

Any processor who applies the AA-2X or AA-5 rating (for emergency maintenance or repair and for repair, maintenance or operation, respectively) must file Form PD-413 with the WPB within 10 days after the end of each quarter. The first report is to be filed for the full quarter ending Dec. 31, 1942.

All reports and communications concerning this order should be addressed to the War Production Board, Food Branch, Washington, D. C., Ref: P-118.

Additional Changes Made in Priorities

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A number of important changes in Priorities Regulation No. 11, as amended Oct. 3, are made by Amendment No. 2 to that version, announced Nov. 19.

The provision of most immediate interest to companies operating under the Production Requirements Plan relieves them from the obligation of cancelling or postponing any order specifying delivery of any Listed Material (as defined in the Regulation) before Nov. 21, if the supplier certifies in writing that (a) the material cannot be diverted to fill other orders, or (b) the material has been completed or that cancellation would cause substantially diminished production by disrupting schedules. With this exception, PRP units are required upon receipt of their certificates to cancel or defer orders which would exceed the amounts they are authorized to receive.

Other changes are:
The period of time within which a PRP unit must cancel or postpone its purchase orders, so that the ratings and quantities do not exceed authorization on its PRP certificates, is extended to seven days, including Sundays, after receipt of the particular certificate, instead of five working days;

A PRP unit may accept delivery of material in excess of its authorization, if the materials were in transit when the supplier received notice of cancellation or postponement, provided such notice was received by the supplier not later than 10 days after receipt of the unit's certificate;

A PRP unit may accept delivery of materials other than, or in excess of, those authorized on its PRP certificate to the extent that it is entitled to extend AAA ratings;

A PRP unit which filed an application for ratings for materials to be used during the second quarter of 1943 on Section H of the first quarter PD-25A application, may now employ the interim procedure with regard to such material, pending the return of its PD-25A for the first quarter;

Any PRP unit which receives during a quarter any listed material other than, or in excess of, the quantities authorized by its PRP certificates, or by specific authorization of the Director General for Operations, must report promptly such receipts to WPB, together with a statement of the reasons why such receipts were necessary, and citing the provisions in Regulation 11 which permit such receipts;

A revision of Paragraph (k) of Regulation 11 make it clear that, although a PRP unit failed to file a PD-25A application on the date specified, it may, as soon as it has filed such application, apply ratings to its purchase orders.

The Priorities Quiz

(AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION NEWS, with the aid of a man who is actually engaged in handling much priorities work, will attempt to answer questions from readers about priorities problems. The editors will not guarantee to answer all questions, nor can they guarantee that the answers will be legally perfect, but an effort will be made to provide a guide to correct procedure wherever possible.)

Customer's Need Not Apply for AA-1 Rating

Q. I read an article in the papers recently which said that the top priority rating of AA-1 may be applied to essential repair and maintenance of consumers durable goods. I would like to tell my customers how to make application for this new rating for repairs to refrigeration equipment. How is this rating secured?

A. Your customers need not apply directly for this rating. The benefits of this recent action of the WPB in authorizing AA-1 ratings for essential repair and maintenance will come to them indirectly.

The AA-1 rating will be assigned to manufacturers on their PRP certificates for the first quarter of 1943 for their purchase of raw materials necessary to fill your repair and maintenance orders.

You need only continue placing your repair and maintenance requirements under ratings presently available to you through P-126, P-100, PD-1-a, or PD-1-x. The fact that the manufacturer will buy the material with an AA-1 rating through his PRP certificate will not restrict him to using this material to fill only AA-1 orders.

A manufacturer may use the material so acquired for any essential repair and maintenance requirements you may order from him to the extent of whatever limitations are imposed upon the particular manufacturer in his PRP certificate.

Brass Rod Users

Q. I read recently that the WPB has rigidly restricted the uses for which brass rod can be purchased, but I cannot find any official limitation order on this subject. Do you know what restrictions have been imposed upon this material?

A. The article you read undoubtedly referred to a letter recently sent to the brass mills by WPB.

It did not restrict all sales of brass rod. It only had reference to authorizations issued to the brass mills by the Copper Branch, WPB, prior to Oct. 15. Its purpose was to cancel the tremendous backlog of approved orders which some brass mills had on file so that the present available supply of copper could be completely controlled. By this letter, all such authorizations were cancelled except authorizations which were issued covering orders for lend-lease and aircraft uses and except such authorizations covering orders which were processed to the extent that the material could not be converted to fill open orders which had received WPB authorizations after the Oct. 15 date. Accordingly, any purchase orders you placed on the brass mill for rod requirements on which the mill had received WPB authorization before Oct. 15 and which were not for lend-lease or aircraft uses have been cancelled outright by the mill.

If, however, your order was not for lend-lease or aircraft end use but had been processed beyond the point where the material could not be used to fill other orders, the mill is permitted to finish processing and ship the material to you. You may still place orders for rod on brass mills for all end use requirements and your order will be filled by the mill after having been approved by the Copper Branch of the WPB.

Interpretations of CMP

Q. Can you suggest to whom we should write in Washington for official interpretations of questions that have arisen under the new Controlled Materials Plan?

A. The WPB has organized a new Controlled Materials Plan Branch located in Room 3300 (corridor) in the Railroad Retirement Bldg., Washington, D. C. The Washington telephone number of the Controlled Materials Branch is Republic 7500, Extension 5400. A staff of interviewers to answer specific telephone requests has been announced including Guy Giroux, Courtney Johnson, Arnold Fuerman, J. R. Ackerman, and Mr. Calenberg. To telephone the interviewers, call Washington, D. C., Republic 7500, Extension 6138.

Your local boards are not, as yet, equipped to answer inquiries on the Controlled Materials Plan, but it is expected that they will be ready to do so on or about Dec. 1 at which time a series of public meetings will be held for the purpose of advising industry just what is required of them under CMP.

PRP Deliveries

Q. During the third quarter, those of us who operated under PRP were permitted to order material for delivery in the fourth quarter even before our PRP certificates were returned. I cannot find where this same permission has been granted during the fourth quarter for material required in the first quarter of next year. In order to receive delivery of brass and copper raw materials in January and February, we will have to place orders now. Is this permissible?

A. Yes. As a PRP unit, you have the privilege, during the fourth quarter, of placing orders now for delivery in the first quarter provided the quantity you specify on these orders does not exceed 70% of anticipated requirements as shown in your PD-25-a application, 40% of which may be accepted during the month of January and 30% during the month of February. You may use your fourth quarter preference rating pattern in placing these orders. Regulation No. 11 grants this privilege, however, because of the fact that their first quarter PD-25-a application was not filed by Oct. 25. If your PD-25-a was not filed on time or if you did not receive a written extension of the Oct. 25 deadline, do not place orders for next quarter's material before receiving permission from the WPB.

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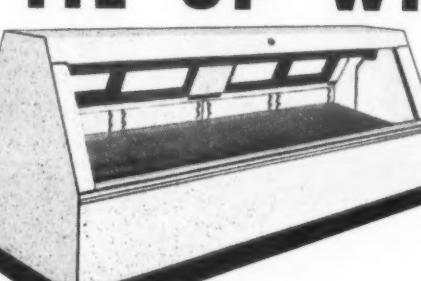
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